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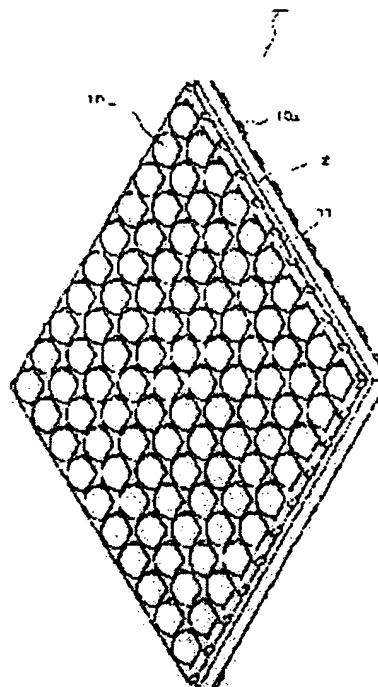
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HIGUCHI AKIKAZU**(54) METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SOLAR BATTERY, AND SOLAR BATTERY****(57)Abstract:**

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To provide manufacturing method of a solar battery that can drastically improve productivity for reducing costs in an assembly process, and the solar battery.

**SOLUTION:** A plurality of spherical semiconductor cells 10 are placed in an aligned state while they enter the meshes of a mesh-shaped conductive member 11, each of the spherical semiconductor cells 10 and the mesh-shaped conductive member 11 are bonded by conductive paste 16, the mesh-shaped conductive member 11 becomes the outer electrode of a solar battery 1, a first conductivity-type semiconductor layer 14 that is exposed to the lower surface of the spherical semiconductor cell 10 is electrically joined to a conductive member 13 that is formed so that it penetrates an insulating member 12, an inner electrode 13a in the solar battery 1 that is formed so that the conductive member 13 projects from the lower surface of the insulating member 12 is formed for each of the spherical semiconductor cells 10, and further the light reception surface of the spherical semiconductor cells 10 is formed so that it is covered with a reflection prevention film 17.

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CLAIMS

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[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The process which lays two or more spherical semi-conductor cels which have the semi-conductor layer of the 2nd conductivity type formed so that pn junction might be formed in the spherical substrate front face on which a front face constitutes the semi-conductor layer of the 1st conductivity type at least on a conductive mesh-like member, The process which makes the mesh of the conductive member of the shape of said mesh carry out \*\*\*\*\* alignment of said spherical semi-conductor cel, The process which pastes up said spherical semi-conductor cel and the conductive member of the shape of said mesh with a conductive paste, The manufacture approach of the solar battery characterized by including the process joined on the process ground until said 1st semi-conductor layer exposes the underside of said spherical semi-conductor cel, and the insulating member which made the conductive member penetrate so that the 1st [ said ] semi-conductor layer which exposed the conductive member of the shape of said mesh may be touched.

[Claim 2] The manufacture approach of the solar battery characterized by including a wrap process for the light-receiving side of said spherical semi-conductor cel with an antireflection film in the manufacture approach of a solar battery according to claim 1.

[Claim 3] The solar battery characterized by joining the 1st semi-conductor layer which it was laid in the condition that two or more spherical semi-conductor cels aligned by \*\*\*\*\* in the mesh of a conductive mesh-like member, and this spherical semi-conductor cel and the conductive member of the shape of said mesh pasted up with a conductive paste, and was exposed on the underside of said spherical semi-conductor cel on the conductive member formed so that an insulating member might be penetrated.

[Claim 4] The solar battery with which the light-receiving side of said spherical semi-conductor cel is characterized by being covered with an antireflection film in a solar battery according to claim 3.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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[Detailed Description of the Invention]

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[0026] Next, as shown in (c) of drawing 3, the spherical semi-conductor cel 10 and the conductive member 11 of the shape of said mesh are pasted up with the conductive paste 16. Thereby, the conductive mesh-like member 11 serves as a ground electrode of a solar battery.

[0027] Next, by grinding, as shown in (d) of drawing 3, n mold polycrystalline silicon layer 15 is removed from the spherical semi-conductor cel 10 until p mold polycrystalline silicon 14 of a field exposes a part. Here, the spherical semi-conductor cel 10 is inserted in the conductive mesh-like member 11, and it fixes in conductive paste 16 grade, and in order to hold the spherical semi-conductor cel 10 in one, to make grinding equipment contact and to perform grinding, it becomes possible to acquire a flat and uniform disclosure side. In the case of this grinding, the above-mentioned cel adsorption fixture 18 can be used, grinding can be carried out in the condition of having made the spherical semi-conductor cel 10 adsorbing, and grinding can be performed thereby more certainly.

[0028] Next, as shown in (e) of drawing 4, it joins on the insulating member 12 which made the conductive member 13 penetrate so that p mold polycrystalline silicon 14 which exposed the conductive mesh-like member 11 may be touched. At this time, the above-mentioned cel adsorption fixture 18 is used, and you may make it join in the condition of having made the spherical semi-conductor cel 10 adsorbing, alignment of the spherical semi-conductor cel 10 and the conductive member 13 can be made easy by this, and it can join to an insulating member 12 more certainly.

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[0030] Still more preferably, as shown in (f) of drawing 4, using vacuum deposition etc., by forming the about 0.1-1.0-micrometer antireflection film 17, loss of the quantity of light by echo can be reduced, and

an efficient solar battery can be manufactured so that the light-receiving side (top face) of this spherical semi-conductor cel 10 may be covered. As construction material of this antireflection film 17, SiO<sub>2</sub>, SnO<sub>2</sub>, and Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> grade are used, for example.

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[0026] Next, as shown in (c) of drawing 3, the spherical semi-conductor cel 10 and the conductive member 11 of the shape of said mesh are pasted up with the conductive paste 16. Thereby, the conductive mesh-like member 11 serves as a ground electrode of a solar battery.

[0027] Next, by grinding, as shown in (d) of drawing 3, n mold polycrystalline silicon layer 15 is removed from the spherical semi-conductor cel 10 until p mold polycrystalline silicon 14 of a field exposes a part. Here, the spherical semi-conductor cel 10 is inserted in the conductive mesh-like member 11, and it fixes in conductive paste 16 grade, and in order to hold the spherical semi-conductor cel 10 in one, to make grinding equipment contact and to perform grinding, it becomes possible to acquire a flat and uniform disclosure side. In the case of this grinding, the above-mentioned cel adsorption fixture 18 can be used, grinding can be carried out in the condition of having made the spherical semi-conductor cel 10 adsorbing, and grinding can be performed thereby more certainly.

[0028] Next, as shown in (e) of drawing 4, it joins on the insulating member 12 which made the conductive member 13 penetrate so that p mold polycrystalline silicon 14 which exposed the conductive mesh-like member 11 may be touched. At this time, the above-mentioned cel adsorption fixture 18 is used, and you may make it join in the condition of having made the spherical semi-conductor cel 10 adsorbing, alignment of the spherical semi-conductor cel 10 and the conductive member 13 can be made easy by this, and it can join to an insulating member 12 more certainly.

[0029] In accordance with the pitch of the mesh of the conductive mesh-like member 11, the part which made the conductive member 13 in this insulating member 12 penetrate is formed so that it may correspond beforehand. And this conductive member 13 that corresponded every spherical semi-conductor cel 10 is formed so that it may project on the underside of an insulating member 12, and this projection part is set to inside electrode 13a of a solar battery.

[0030] Still more preferably, as shown in (f) of drawing 4, using vacuum deposition etc., by forming the about 0.1-1.0-micrometer antireflection film 17, loss of the quantity of light by echo can be reduced, and an efficient solar battery can be manufactured so that the light-receiving side (top face) of this spherical semi-conductor cel 10 may be covered. As construction material of this antireflection film 17, SiO<sub>2</sub>, SnO<sub>2</sub>, and Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> grade are used, for example.

[0031] Of an example of the manufacture approach described above, a solar battery as shown in drawing 1 is formed.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

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[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is the general drawing of the solar battery concerning this invention.

[Drawing 2] It is a decomposition block diagram for explaining the configuration of the solar battery concerning this invention.

[Drawing 3] It is production process drawing explaining the manufacture approach of the solar battery concerning this invention.

[Drawing 4] It is production process drawing explaining the manufacture approach of the solar battery concerning this invention.

[Drawing 5] It is drawing showing the solar battery of the conventional example.

[Drawing 6] They are the sectional view (a) of a cel adsorption fixture, and a bottom view (b).

[Description of Notations]

1 Solar Battery

10 Spherical Semi-conductor Cel

11 Conductive Mesh-like Member (Ground Electrode)

12 Insulating Member

13 Conductive Member

13a Inside electrode

14 P Mold Polycrystalline Silicon (Semi-conductor Layer of 1st Conductivity Type)

15 N Mold Polycrystalline Silicon (Semi-conductor Layer of 2nd Conductivity Type)

16 Conductive Paste

17 Antireflection Film

18 Cel Adsorption Fixture

19 Crevice

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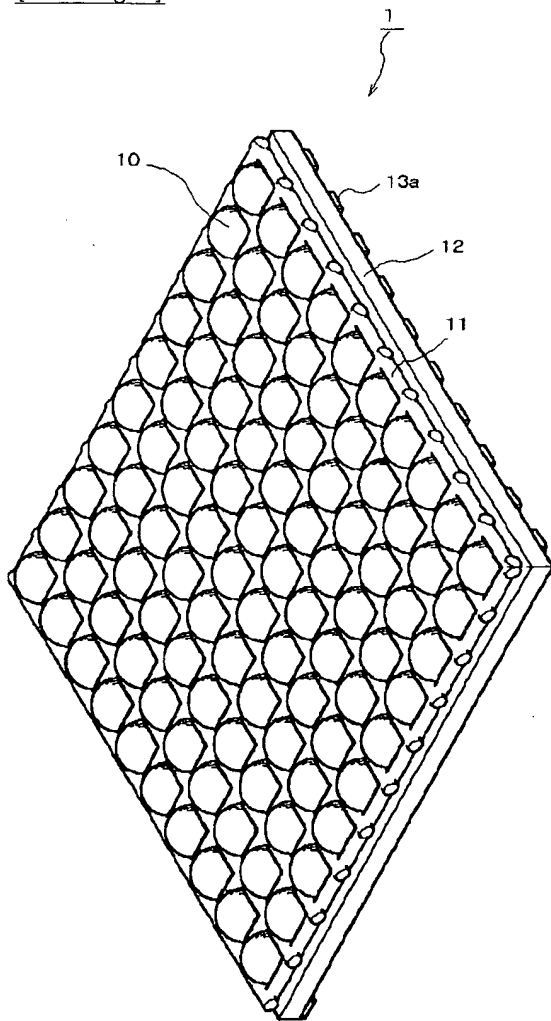
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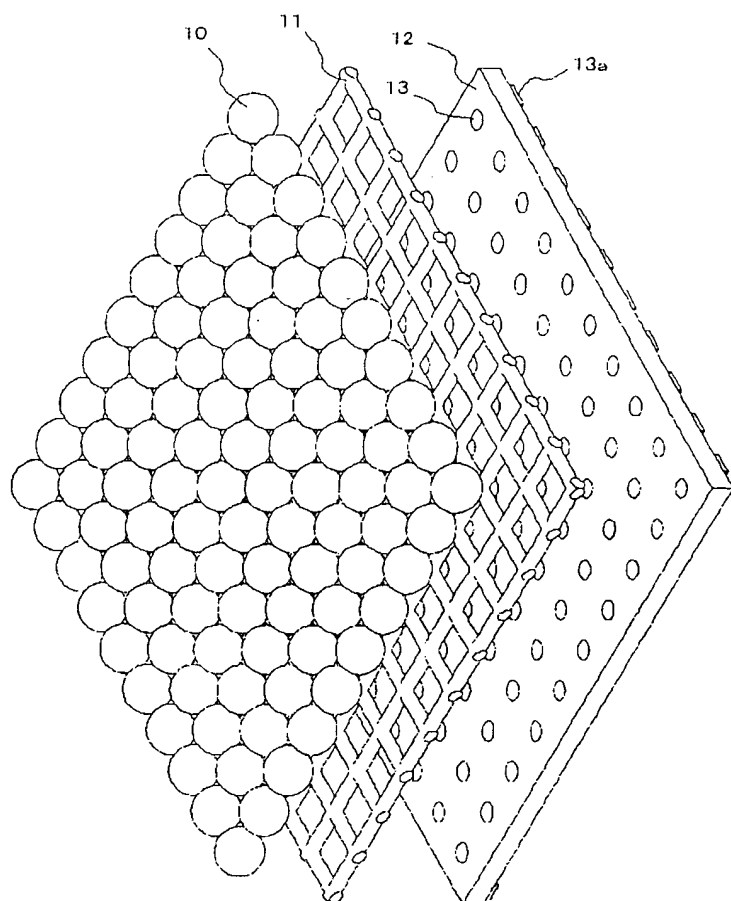
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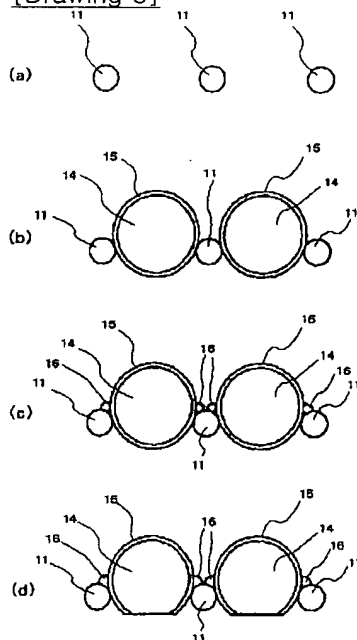
[Drawing 1]



[Drawing 2]

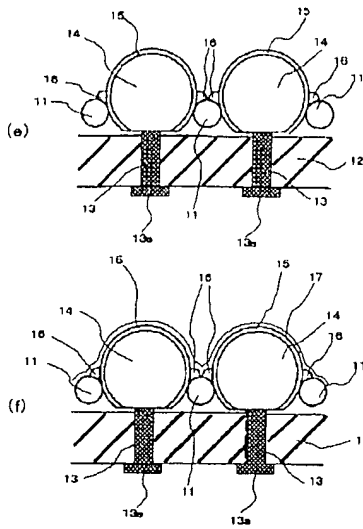


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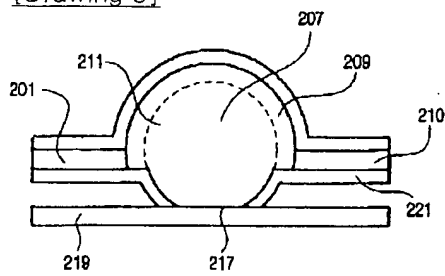


[Drawing 4]





[Drawing 5]



[Drawing 6]

